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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 August 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7 and 9-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 11 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 9 and 10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/S508)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/7/08
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-5, 7 and 9-12 are currently pending in the instant application. The Examiner has withdrawn the finality of the previous Office Action mailed on May 28, 2008 because prior art has been found. Further, any indication that the pending claims were allowable has been withdrawn.

I. *Response to Arguments*

Applicant's amendment, filed August 7, 2008, has overcome the rejection of claims 8 and 9 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph for scope of enablement. This rejection has been withdrawn.

The Examiner has found prior art that anticipates genus compound of formula I and will be discussed in further detail below.

II. *Information Disclosure Statement*

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on August 7, 2008 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner.

III. *Rejection(s)*

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States

$$\text{Ar} - \left[\text{z} \right]_l - \left[\text{m} \right]_m - \text{Q} - \left[\text{n} \right] - \text{C}_6\text{H}_4 - \left[\text{A} \right]_n - \text{R} - \text{C}(=\text{O}) - \text{Y}$$

wherein **A** is CH,

alkanylidene with 2 to 4 carbon atoms or alkenylidene with 2 to 4 carbon atoms; **Ar** is phenyl optionally substituted by halogens, NO₂, OH, C₁₋₄ alkyl and alkoxy, said alkyl and alkoxy optionally substituted by at least one halogen; **f** is the number 0 or 1; **h** is the number 0 or 1; **m** is a whole number from 0 to 3; **n** is the number 0 or 1 and if **n** is 0, **R₁** is absent and COY is directly bound to benzene; **Q** is oxygen; **Z** is as defined in claim 1; **R** is selected from **R₂** and OR₂; **R₁** is as defined in claim 1; and all other variables are as defined in claim 1.

The *Crandall, et al.* reference teaches the compound [4-(phenylmethoxy)phenyl] diethyl ester propanedioic acid (See RN 24220-48-2, CAPLUS). This species of compound anticipates the genus compound of the instant invention, wherein the genus structure and its definitions are stated above.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 2, 3 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 2 recites the limitation "Ar is a heteroaryl" which is dependent on claim 1 but the group heteroaryl is not found in the definition of variable Ar in claim 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Claim 3 recites the limitation "Ar is an aryl" which is dependent on claim 1 but the group aryl is not found in the definition of variable Ar in claim 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Claim 11 recites the limitation "the heteroatom in the heteroalkyl" which is dependent on claim 1 but the group heteroalkyl is not found in the definition of any variables in claim 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

IV. *Objections*

Dependent Claim Objections

Dependent Claims 7, 9 and 11 are also objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim.

V. Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shawquia Young whose telephone number is 571-272-9043. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 AM-3:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on 571-272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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